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Employment Development Department

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PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS
JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS
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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA JTPA WAIVER GRANT AGREEMENT MODIFICATION

This Information Bulletin transmits the revised Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Grant Agreement Modification approving waivers to the State of California. The Department of Labor (DOL) forwarded the agreement in response to the California State Waiver Plan of May 23, 1997.

On behalf of the Governor, the Director has signed the grant agreement that proposes a performance improvement of 5 percent (5%) at the state level measured at the conclusion of Program Year (PY) 1998, using actual performance in PY 1997 as the baseline for improvement. Additionally, the State will implement waivers for PY 1998 during the time period of July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999.

Based upon guidance published by DOL in Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 6-96 (April 1, 1997) the Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) issued JTPA Directive D97-1: Implementation of JTPA Waivers (July 21, 1997). The Directive was issued to survey SDAs on the selection of each optional waiver. Additionally, SDAs were requested to verify that various parties had been afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed waiver(s), and to describe any actions that would be taken to remove local barriers. Regardless of whether optional waivers were selected or not, the State required SDAs to return these forms with assurances and signatures by the authorized parties. The authorized parties included the Local Elected Official, Private Industry Council (PIC) Chair, and SDA Administrator.

Given the short timeframe for implementation, but held to the DOL requirements of accountability, the State is reissuing a modified version of this Directive. If SDAs

previously forwarded the "Request For Waivers and Performance Agreement" with the proper assurances and signatures, SDA Administrators will only need to:

- Verify that these steps were taken previously and the proper signatures and assurances were filed with the State; and
- Select the optional waivers the SDA chooses to implement; or, verify that only the State-imposed waivers will be administered.

If SDAs have not previously forwarded the agreement to the State, they are still responsible for providing assurances that opportunities for public review and comment were provided to specific groups and organizations. Additionally, the proper signatures must be obtained before waivers may be implemented.

Finally, the State is currently developing a single JTPA Directive to implement both the State imposed and optional waivers.

If you have any questions please contact Michael Evashenk, Manager of the Policy and Program Coordination Section, at MEvashen@edd.ca.gov or (916) 654-7616.

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